

# Miller & Rhoads

## The Supreme Test

### Gloves!

A Regal Gift.

The world's famous makes—of song and story—names familiar at every court of Europe:

"ROECKL"  
"FOWNES"  
"REYNIER"

Gloves for evening wear, for the street, for riding and driving, and for all social occasions.

**\$1.00 TO \$5.00 A PAIR.**

Richmond's Glove Store is now prepared to meet every holiday requirement.

of This Store's Efficiency Will Be Made During the Next Eight Days Before Xmas

And "the Store of the Xmas Spirit" rises to the occasion, splendidly prepared to meet every contingency. Aside from one or two exceptions, in which we do not undertake to cover the field (we carry only substantial merchandise that is valued after the Holidays have passed) the assortments shown here are the best to be found in any Southern city. A gift selection may be made for a few cents, perhaps, or for several hundred dollars.

Each article represents a complete assortment of its class, and the values at each price are unsurpassed.

The advantages of selecting Xmas presents from a stock of such dimensions as Miller & Rhoads are many and obvious. It enables the customer to select THE EXACT THING WANTED, instead of something not quite so desired.

### Silk Hosiery

A splendid gift, especially so when its quality is above reproach.

"McCALLUM"  
AND  
"WAYNE-KNIT"

are names of Hosiery that stand for the best that money can buy. They are known to women of fashion who prefer them, as the cream of Silk Hosiery production.

**\$1.00 TO \$2.00 A PAIR.**

Richmond's Hosiery Store features this famous footwear.

## Extraordinary Reductions in Suits, Dresses, Coats

This astonishing sale is NOT brought about by reason of the consummation of any "deal" with manufacturers. THE PRICE CONCESSIONS ARE OF OUR OWN MAKING, and they apply only to garments of fashion and character that are well up to Miller & Rhoads standard. THOSE DESIRING BARGAINS in such garments will secure them by taking advantage of these reduced prices:

### Suits at \$15.95

Reduced from \$22.50.

Of Wide Wale and Two-Toned Diagonals, Zibelines, Wool, Velours, Whipcords, Serges, Fancy Mixtures, etc., plain and trimmed; over 15 styles, in blacks, navys, browns and greys—all sizes.

### Suits at \$18.95

Reduced from \$25.00 and \$27.50.

Of fine men's wear Serges, Worsteds, Diagonals, Corduroys, Chevots, Broad cloths and two-toned materials; in black, navy, brown and grey; plain and novelty tailored effects—all sizes.

### Suits at \$25.00

Reduced from \$30.00 and \$32.50.

Special lot of 35 Suits of Fine Wool Velour, Whipcords, Bedford Cords, Serges, Chevron Weaves and Mixtures. High class novelty and plain tailored effects; mostly one of a kind.

### \$16.50 to \$19.50 Coats at \$12.98

Special lot of twenty-five Coats of Fancy Novelty Mixtures and Stripes—beautiful Browns and Greys—several styles, but not all size of any one kind. EVERY COAT A BARGAIN!

### Coats at \$19.50

Reduced from \$22.50 and \$25.00.

These of beautiful imported novelty Mixtures Stripes, Zibelines, double-faced materials, Bouclés, etc., several styles, but broken sizes.

### NEW!

MOURNING SHIRTAISTS of Heavy Black Messaline; plain tailored, open front styles with high neck and long sleeves; trimmed with plaits, tucks and silk bow. Price, \$3.98—each in a Xmas box.

### Chiffon Party Dresses

At \$16.50—Reduced from \$19.50.

Very dainty garments—low neck and three-quarter sleeves—made over china silk and beautifully trimmed with tucks and fine lace. White and popular colors.

## Silks and Dress Goods for Christmas Gifts.

What would be more highly appreciated by mother or daughter than a handsome Silk Waist or Dress Pattern?

Every Christmas, numbers of our best patrons choose gifts from our Silk and Dress Goods Departments.

We have boxed up quite a number of silks, suitable for Christmas gifts, such as Waist lengths, kimono patterns, scarf lengths, etc., but we do not confine your selection to the Silks, which we have already boxed. We will give you a nice holly box with any waist or dress pattern sold for a Christmas present; so ask for a box when you buy a Silk Waist or Dress Pattern.

### Wash Silks for Waists.

18 inches wide.....39c yard  
35 inches wide.....75c yard

### Crepe de Chine for Dresses and Waists.

40 inches wide, black and colors.

### Crepe de Chine for Scarfs, 59c yard.

Bordered designs, 20 inches wide.

### Messalines for Waists and Dresses.

18 inches wide.....49c yard  
35 inches wide.....\$1.00 yard

### Satin Charmeuse for Street and Evening Gowns, \$1.50 and \$2.00 yard.

40 inches wide, black and colors.

### Brocaded Crepe Metears for Evening Gowns \$3.00 yard.

40 inches wide, black and colors.

### Printed Messalines and Taffetas for Evening Dresses and Waists.

18 inches wide.....75c yard  
35 inches wide.....\$1.00 yard

### Striped Messalines for Waists and Dresses.

18 inches wide.....39c yard  
35 inches wide.....\$1.00 yard

### Satin Charmeuse for Waists and Dresses, 39c yard.

19 inches wide.

### Black Messaline for Waists and Dresses, 75c yard.

35 inches wide.

### Black Taffeta for Waists and Dresses, \$1.00 yard.

35 inches wide.

Main Floor.

## Miller & Rhoads

Announce

for the Coming Week

Big Reductions

in

the Prices of

Trimmed Hats

for Street

and General Wear

About fifty of this season's

popular trimmed models—No

two of which are just alike:

\$5.00 to \$6.98 Hats,

Now \$1.98

\$7.98 and \$8.98 Hats

Now \$3.98

On sale in the New Millinery

Department, on Second Floor.

SEE WINDOWS.

## Gifts in the Book Store

Here's the answer to the gift

question. There is perhaps not

one name on your gift list that

could not be quickly checked off in

this great Holiday Book Store, and

the gift of a good Book will be

delightfully appropriate. A well-

chosen Book can never be amiss.

It carries with it whatever senti-

ment you please—love, affection,

friendly flattery or a subtle under-

standing of your friend's taste and

acknowledgment of his or her

culture. It can be made a simple

token of the season's good-will, or

a carrier of deepest meaning. This

Book Store's splendid stocks pro-

vide the just right gift for young or

old.

Complete lines of Holiday Sta-

tionery, Letters, Calendars and

Cards.

Fountain Pens and Desk Acces-

ories.

Parlor Games of every descrip-

tion.

Basement.

## Household and Art Linens for Xmas Gifts

Appropriate beyond a doubt, gifts of linens always appeal to the good taste of those who love to give and receive things practical and useful.

Our selection of gift linens is especially interesting and prices are moderate:

EMBROIDERED SCARFS, SHAMS AND CENTER

PIECES with hemstitching or scalloped borders; same as the usual 50c grade, special.....25c

ALL LINEN EMBROIDERED SCARFS, SHAMS AND CENTER PIECES—Hemstitched—this special lot at.....98c

TABLE DAMASK—Extra fine quality mercer-

ized—68 inches wide, in assorted new designs, per yard.....50c

TABLE CLOTHS—Extra fine quality, all pure linen, in square, round, oval and oblong shapes and designs:

Size 2 x2 yards, each.....\$2.25

Size 2 x2 1/2 yards, each.....2.85

Size 2 x3 yards, each.....3.35

Size 2 1/2 x2 1/2 yards, each.....3.25

NAPKINS TO MATCH—Size 22x22 inches, at \$2.89 per dozen.

Main Floor.

## For Men! For Boys!

A short list of Xmas Shopping suggestions,

picked from "The Men's Corner."

If what you want isn't listed here, come for it

anyway. Our Xmas assortments are the best

we have ever assembled:

Men's Knitted Scarfs, 50c to \$2.50.

Men's Silk Imperial Scarfs, latest style, 40c to \$1.35.

Men's Fiber Crochet and Silk Four-in-Hand, 25c and 35c each.

Men's Silk Mufflers, 50c to \$2.50.

Men's Silk Dress Protectors, 50c to \$2.50.

Men's Phoenix Knit Mufflers, 25c to \$7.50.

Men's Fancy Suspenders, Silk, boxed, 50c to \$1.50.

Men's Linen Handkerchiefs, 10c to \$1.00 each.

Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, six to a box, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 box.

Men's Suspender Combination Sets, 50c to \$1.00.

Men's Silk Half Hose, 25c to \$1.50 a pair.

Men's Bath Robes, \$5.00 up.

Men's Blankets and Cords for bath robes, \$2.25, \$2.98 and \$3.25.

Men's Gloves, tapes and other styles, \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Men's and Boys' Heavy Lined Gloves, 50c to \$3.50.

Men's Tie and Handkerchief Combination, 50c each.

Men's Tie and Sock Combination, 50c and \$1.00 each.

"The Men's Corner" is at Sixth and Broad Streets.

## Dainty Christmas Aprons.

We are now exhibiting full

and complete lines of Sewing

Aprons, Cloning Dish Aprons,

Maid's Aprons, etc., in popular

square and round shapes of plain

lawn or dotted swiss, lace or

embroidery trimmed at 25c to

\$1.50.

## Kimono's & Bath Robes!

NEGLIGEEs of crepe de chine,

in pink and blue, with artistic

trimmings, at \$5.00 to \$25.00.

BEAUTIFUL FLOWERED SILK

NEGLIGEEs—Chinas, messalines

and Cheney's—from \$3.98 up to

\$12.00.

BATH ROBES of embroidery

and quilted elderdown; also the

"Beacon" Blanket Robes in pop-

ular colors and combinations, at

\$2.98 to \$10.00.

FLANNELLETTE AND KNIT

PIJAMAS in full and com-

plete variety.

Second Floor.

## VIRGINIA ISSUES LICENSE TO STEAL

State's Corporation Laws Se-  
verely Criticized for  
Their Laxity.

OBSERVERS WILL BEWARE

Tobacco Products Charter Said  
to Repudiate Responsi-  
bility of Directors.

Virginia has officially licensed the directors of the new Tobacco Products Corporation to steal, says a writer in the current issue of the Outlook. The article, which deals with the situation partly as an editorial, is a strong criticism of the Virginia law on corporations and the way in which it is administered.

In the charter of this concern, with \$50,000,000 stock, this State, "with the approval of a judge in one of her courts, has repudiated the very basis of the moral responsibility of a director," says the Outlook.

Still more significant is the following editorial comment: "If this is a sample of what Virginia corporation law means in the way of protection to investors, the words 'incorporated under the laws of Virginia' on a certificate of stock are likely to have the same effect on the intelligent observer as a red flag on a railway. As an argument for a national corporation law the Tobacco Products Corporation's scheme seems complete."

The corporation laws of Virginia are regarded as very favorable to promoters, so much so that very many gigantic concerns of other States have recently been incorporated here, most of them with large capital stock. The laws of charters issued by the State Corporation Commission have revealed many such cases.

The Outlook's arraignment of Virginia's procedure is as follows:

"States' Rights and the Trusts."

His attention has been called to a recent and very striking illustration of the futility and injustice of attempting to control the interstate trusts by State regulation. The Tobacco Products Corporation is a new \$50,000,000 organization recently chartered by the State of Virginia. The certificate of incorporation was approved by a judge, as required by the Virginia law, and is in accordance with the Virginia corporation law. Our informant points out that the charter contains two provisions which deserve the attention, not only of investors, but of the general public. By the fourth paragraph of the charter, the shareholders of the company are specifically deprived of any right to subscribe for additional stock which the directors may issue in proportion to their interest in the corporation, and the directors are given full power to issue new stock and to sell it in any way they choose.

At any time they choose, at any price they choose, even though that price be less than the par value of the stock. We should suppose that any intelligent investor would regard such broad power as being highly dangerous to invested values when exercised by an incompetent or unscrupulous board of directors. There is, however, a provision of the Virginia charter of the Tobacco Products Corporation which is even more serious. We quote it verbatim:

"Eleventh. No contract or other transaction between the corporation and any other corporation shall be affected or invalidated by the fact that any one or more of the directors of this corporation is or are interested in, or is a director or officer, or are directors or officers of such other corporation, and any director or directors of this corporation or any officer or officers of such other corporation, shall be affected or invalidated by the fact that any director or directors of this corporation is a party, or are parties to or interested in such contract, act or transaction, or in any way connected with such person or persons, firm or association, and each and every person who may become a director of this corporation is hereby relieved from any liability that might otherwise be incurred from contracting with the corporation for the benefit of himself or any firm, association or corporation in which he may be in any way interested."

Commenting upon this clause, a lawyer writes us as follows: "Without standing its somewhat involved legal phraseology, the idea which this clause conveys is startlingly clear. Couched in rough language, this is a license to steal. I do not say that the directors will steal; those who are familiar with workings of insiders in the tobacco trust may have their own opinion as to the amount of restraint which such a provision as this may impose upon themselves. It attempts to abrogate and annul the fiduciary principle which the courts have from time immemorial declared as binding upon persons in trust relations." It is pointed out that the general law of the United States, to use the language of the Court of Appeals of the State

Suits worth up to \$28 at \$15 each.  
Overcoats worth up to \$28 at \$15 each.  
Boys' suits and overcoats at reduced prices.

The sale continues to-day, and is worthy of your prompt attention.

## Gans-Rady Company

## PROPOSED BUDGET FOR RECREATION

Richmond's Work Compared With That in Other Cities, Especially in South.

The Playgrounds Committee makes the following statement:

The proposal for extending the recreation work in Richmond calls for an appropriation of \$7,500 for next year. The question which is being discussed by those who are interested in the movement in the city is whether this is the right sum for the extension proposed.

While the sum is larger than ever before suggested for supervision, care-taking, equipment and supplies, it is not large in comparison with the amount of work to be done. It is expected that under the system of supervision proposed from five to eight times as much work will be done—counting hours the grounds are open and months of the year used—as under the arrangement hitherto. This means a per capita saving of at least one-half in the cost of recreation furnished.

Comparing Richmond with other cities of the same size, we find that this proposed budget is by no means too large. In the year ending November, 1912, Nashville, a city of 44,000 population, spent last year \$104,290 on public recreation work; \$35,460 of this was on land and buildings, showing that the amount spent on supervision, equipment and supplies was about \$68,830. Memphis, Tenn., a city of practically the same size as Richmond, last year conducted two recreation centres at a total expenditure of a little more than \$2,000 for each centre.

Under the scheme proposed by the plan now before the City Council, there are to be six to twelve centres, depending on whether they are merely during the summer months or year-round. At the rate of the expenditure in Memphis, it would cost over \$15,000 to do the work which is proposed with the \$7,500 in Richmond, so it does not seem that the proposed appropriation for Richmond is at all extravagant, considering the amount of work which is to be attempted. Macon, Ga., a city of less than one-third the size of Richmond, containing a population of 10,000, but with a white population of only a little more than 20,000, spent last year \$3,720 on its recreation work, of which \$2,450 was spent on salaries, and a little more than \$1,900 on equipment and supplies.

The figures could be multiplied for other cities in different parts of the country, but these will make clear that those who are backing the proposal for an appropriation of \$7,500 for supervision, care-taking, equipment and supplies, to be used on grounds already owned by the city or on reserved streets, have carefully thought out the plan, and have developed a method whereby the city can get the largest possible return for the amount of money invested.

of New York, "invalidates all contracts made by a trustee, or fiduciary, in which he is personally interested." In the specific case to which the Court of Appeals was referring, the trustee stood in the attitude of selling as owner, rather than as trustee. "The law permits," continues the court, "no one to act in such inconsistent relation to act in such inconsistent relation to whether the contract or transaction was fair or unfair; it stops the inquiry when the relation is disclosed, and sets aside the transaction or refuses to enforce it." In the charter of the Tobacco Products Corporation of the State of Virginia, the words "no law permits" are used in the same sense, and the very basis of the moral responsibility of a director. If this is a sample of what Virginia corporation law means in the way of protection to investors, the words "incorporated under the laws of Virginia" on a certificate of stock are likely to have the same effect on the intelligent observer as a red flag on a railway. As an argument for a national corporation law the Tobacco Products Corporation's scheme seems complete.

## WILL NOT MARRY WITHOUT PARDON

Stripling's Daughter Sends Her Fiance to Ask Governor Brown's Aid.

In a petition for a pardon for Thomas Edgar Stripling, who, under the name of R. E. Morris, was once chief of police of Danville, the petitioner, E. T. Bloodgood, of Tallulah Falls, Ga., gives as one of the reasons for clemency that in the event of a pardon he expects to marry Stripling's daughter. Stripling is serving a life term in the Georgia State prison. Fifteen years ago he shot from ambush and instantly killed William J. Cornett, then a neighbor in Muscogee County, Ga. His defense at the ensuing trial was that Cornett had made an offensive remark about his married sister. Soon after his conviction he escaped, and, under the assumed name of R. E. Morris, began life in Danville, Va., where he became chief of the police force. Recognized after an interval of ten years, he was arrested as a fugitive from justice while in his chief's uniform, and about eighteen months ago was returned to the Georgia prison to serve out his life term. Former Governor Hoke Smith, after an extended examination into the case, declined to interfere, though many petitions for the pardon of Stripling were presented. The present petitioner, Mr. Bloodgood, has informed Governor Joseph M. Brown that Miss Ruth May Stripling, to whom he is engaged, will not consent to their marriage so long as her father is in prison. The new petition for pardon is based entirely on sympathy, advancing no new facts in regard to the murder of Cornett or other reason why the original sentence should not be carried out.

## MAIN STREET OPEN SINCE LAST JUNE

Street Committee May Inquire Into Lack of System and Dilatory Work.

Inquiry will, it is understood, be made at a meeting of the Council Committee on Streets this afternoon into the reasons why the City Engineer's office has allowed the work in the repaving of Main Street, between Fifth and Seventh Streets, to be delayed so long. Having had the street open since last June, to pave the blocks, the work is now going on in leisurely fashion, and with a small force of hands, nearing completion. The south side of the block between Fifth and Sixth Streets, yet remains to be paved. The blame for this delay, it is stated, does not rest entirely with the engineer, J. C. Cheatwood, though his failure to get material in the early stages of the work, and his use of a small force throughout, with many stops altogether, contributed, it is said, to the delay.

The contract was signed on June 10, Mr. Cheatwood specifying his own time, and, to the surprise of the Street Committee, when it came to investigate the delay, he allowed himself six months. Even under this allowance of time to pave two blocks, the job was still far from finished on December 10, but the Engineer's office has allowed Mr. Cheatwood to pursue his own course with the expectation that the work will be finished sooner or later, and regardless, apparently, of the inconvenience to traffic by having this main thoroughfare partly blocked for so long a period.

The first mistake is admitted by Mr. Holling to have been in his own office, when permission was given the street railway company to renew its tracks before the city's contractor had any paving material on the ground. The street car company opened the centre of the street late in June and rebuilt its tracks. Contrary followed as to the method of concreting the new work and there was delay in signing a contract for the repaving of the company's part. But the street car company cannot be charged with the major part of the delay, which has been since that work was completed in the repaving of the two sides of the street. Conduits were run along both sides, entailing some delay, and after everything was ready to proceed with the paving, the city Gas Department came in at the last moment and began to renew service pipes. Then came the rail-welders and cut into that portion of the street already paved.

Regardless of all delays, however, it is generally regarded that that portion of the work which has been done—about a block and a half of the two blocks covered by the contract—is of first-class character.

## THE SAVINGS BANK OF RICHMOND

117 E. MAIN ST.

The ups and downs in life can best be regulated by systematic savings. One dollar starts an account.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY FOR POSTAL SAVINGS FUNDS

## Richmond's Greatness

Following our mention yesterday of the action of the Chamber of Commerce in welcoming the Kline Motor Car plant to our growing city, we want to further endorse their action and suggest that public notice be taken of another new enterprise which has lately launched a great business backed by capital and energy—The Westmoreland Candy Company. We feel that the individuals who supply capital and brains to further such undertakings deserve recognition from the public, as they stimulate the entire business interests of the city and give employment to numbers of wage-earners. They are the MEN BEHIND OUR REAL PROGRESS, and THEIR HOME PRODUCTS should merit YOUR HOME PATRONAGE.

## American National Bank

Richmond, Virginia.

Capital and Surplus, \$1,600,000.00

## Jewelry for Gifts

A great collection of all

the latest imported and do-